

OPINION 803

ANTHUS ROSEATUS BLYTH, 1847 (AVES): VALIDATED UNDER THE
PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *pelopus* J. E. Gray, 1846, as published in the binomen *Anthus pelopus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *pelopus* J. E. Gray, 1846, as published in the binomen *Anthus pelopus* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 880.

(3) The specific name *roseatus* Blyth, 1847, as published in the binomen *Anthus roseatus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2185.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1654)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Finn Salomonsen and Dr. Charles Vaurie in May 1964. The application was sent to the printer on 13 July 1964 and was published on 26 November 1964 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 386–387. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to ten ornithological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 19 September 1966 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (66)48 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 386–387. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 19 December 1966 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-two (22), received in the following order: Boschma, Holthuis, Simpson, Mayr, Vokes, Obruchev, China, Bonnet, Lemche, Uchida, Jaczewski, Binder, Munroe, Brinck, Tortonese, Alvarado, Ride, Stoll, Kraus, Mertens, Forest, Evans.

Negative votes—one (1): Sabrosky.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): do Amaral, Hubbs.

The following comment was made by Dr. C. W. Sabrosky in returning his vote: "I dislike to see the Commission approve, in effect, the nearly 120 years ignoring of a bird name proposed in as prominent a reference as Gray's Catalogue."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

pelopus, *Anthus*, Gray, 1846, *Catalogue of the Specimens and Drawings of Mammalia and Birds of Nepal and Thibet presented by B. H. Hodgson Esq. to the British Museum* : 154

roseatus, *Anthus*, Blyth, 1847, *J. asiat. Soc. Bengal* **16** : 437

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (66)48 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 803.

G. OWEN EVANS
Secretary

W. E. CHINA
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International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
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